

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3rd April 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mr J James (Chairman), Mrs R. Bate, Mr P Kinnish (arrived at 6.30pm), Mr AJ Moore, Mr J Rosa.

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr J Houghton MHK, Mr Steve Rodan (MHK, and MR Andrew Wallis (Department of Infrastructure()).

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

149/12 Mr John Houghton MHK and Mr Andrew Wallis (Strategic Asset Management Unit) of the Department of Infrastructure. Without prejudice meeting to discuss departments plans to dispose of the property known as Cranleigh Ville, Glen Road, Laxey. Steve Rodan MHK in attendance.

JJ welcomed John Houghton, Andrew Wallis and Steve Rodan to the meeting. A detailed discussion took place regarding the department's decision to place Cranleigh Ville on the open market and the department's decision to place a covenant on the land that 3 public car parking spaces be provided as part of any development. SR explained the strategic importance of the site due to it's location on Glen Road and the possibility of using the site as a car park. AW explained reason behind the covenant was to satisfy Laxey Commissioners concerns regarding the both the loss of parking on Glen Road due to the new entrance that would be created to provide access to the site and potential overspill for of parking as a result of any development of the site. Discussion took place in respect of options for the Authority to purchase or part purchase the site. PK asked if there was still a possibility that the Isle of Man Government could develop the site. JH stated, the owner, the Department of Social Care had no plans to develop the land which is why is had been put up for sale. JH stated the department would leave the land on the market and wait for the Commissioners to have a discussion and get back.

JJ thanked AW and JH for attending. Left at 7.20pm.

In Private – Discussion by the Board in respect of options for the use of the site and possible purchase by the Authority.

149/12a Laxey Link Bus

Mr Rodan advised that Tours Isle of Man had put in an application for a licence to run the Laxey Link Bus during 2013, this was conditional on receiving underwriting for the service. SR stated that the 2012 link bus trial after fares and underwriting made a loss of £2,000. SR read out a letter from Manx National Heritage which stated they would not underwriting the bus during the 2013 season. MNH had provided underwriting during the 2012 season. A discussion took place in respect of underwriting for the 2013 season, both Laxey Village Commissioners and Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust have agreed to provide underwriting, also there are 3 businesses in the village who have also indicated they may also provide underwriting. A discussion took place in respect of running a timetabled service, this would be more user friendly to local residents. Last year if a coach arrived and a number of passenger wished to visit the wheel the link bus would accommodate them with multiple runs making it difficult to run to a strictly timetabled service. A discussion took place and it was resolved to invite John Guilford and Roy Lightfoot of Tours Isle of Man to the Commissioner meeting 17th April 2013. Mr Rodan said he would endeavour to attend however he maybe delayed by the sitting of Tynwald on that day.

SR left at 7.45pm.

150/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) Planning Application No 13/00348/B of 19.03.13 in respect of alterations and extensions at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3632].

The Board recommends refusal of the application on the grounds outlined below:

The proposed works would create an adverse visual impact on the amenity of the area and the style was out of keeping with the adjoining properties.

- e) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**
Planning Approval Notice No 13/00153/B of 02.04.13 in respect of installation of replacement doors at the Shore Hotel, Old Laxey Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3628]. {Delegated powers}. *Refused by LVC. Resolved to note Approval Notice 13/00153/B.*
- f) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- g) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- h) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**
Nil.

151/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 20th March 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.
Proposed AM, Seconded JB

152/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th March 2013

- a) Nil.

153/12 General correspondence

- a) Department of Infrastructure letter of 20th March 2013 regarding Town and Country Planning (Application Fees) Order 2013 which was approved by Tynwald on 19th March. Increased charges will apply from 1st April.
It was Resolved to note the increased Town and Country Planning Application Fees.
- b) Department of Infrastructure writes on 20.03.13 asking for permission to erect TT and MGP Road Safety Banners on Laxey Promenade Green as they have done in previous years. (*Permission last granted on 21.03.12*).
It was Resolved to approve the request for to erect TT and MGP Road Safety banners on Laxey Promenade.
- c) Irene M. Feeley of 15, Kenyon Avenue, Wrexham, LL11 25P writes on 24.03.13 to say that whilst crossing the road at La Mona Lisa she stumbled on a bit of raised tarmac and asks if this could be removed. She hurt herself in the resultant fall but only wants the tarmac to be fixed. No reply required.
Resolved to note.
- d) Ann.Craine@cs0.gov.im e-mails at 1358 hours on 26.03.13. Further to the Consultation that took place between 9 January and 20 February 2013, the Boundary Review Committee is currently giving consideration to the submissions received. These include discussions held with Members and with Commissioners. As a consequence of these discussions the Committee is considering two significant changes which will affect your areas prior to finalising their report for Tynwald in June. The details of the press release to be released later this afternoon and the maps are attached for your information. In the press release you will see that the public are being advised that they may examine the revised draft maps on the Boundary Review Committee website at <http://www.gov.im/cs0/brc/> or at the Commissioners' offices in your areas. You will be able to print off the maps attached to this email.
Ann.Craine@cs0.gov.im e-mails at 1358 hours on 26.03.13. I am writing further to my earlier email regarding the Boundary Review Committee. In that email I attached a press release and two maps. Please find attached further information in tables regarding these two maps. These tables show the situation after:

1. Maughold was moved between the Northern and Eastern proposed constituencies and;
2. The redrawing of Onchan Urban to move part of Howstrake into the Eastern Constituency.

and should be viewed along with the two maps and they will accompany the press release.

RB advised the proposed changes were as discussed with the Boundary Review Committee when representative from the Laxey Lonan and Maughold Commissioners had met with them and therefore meets the proposals put forward by the Board. Resolved to approve the maps as revised.

- e) Isle of Man Centre Auto-Cycle Union Ltd writes on 26.03.13 regarding Manx National 2 Day Trial 24th & 25th August 2013, and seeks permission to use the land known as 'The Race', located to the rear of the Shore Hotel and Laxey Beach. They wish to use this between 0900 hours and 1300 hours. *Resolved to approve in principle. Clerk to write and seek further details of the proposed trials on the land known as the race.*

154/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – Meeting 28.03.13. *RB reported a discussion had take place of the Departments consultation in respect of increasing members meeting attendance allowances. Most Boards were against the increase to £78. The feeling was this might be contrived and in the future could be used by Government to argue the case for reducing the number of Local Authorities due to the cost. RB stated that Whitley Council was to be replaced by a new organisation which would be a Joint Board covering both manual and office workers within Government. RB reported the IoM Government were removing some of the subsidy paid Water and Sewerage Authority. Costs were being absorbed by the Authority this year but it would mean an increase of 4% next year.*
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Andrew Moore – Next Meeting 21.03.13. *AM reported the annual Heritage Duck race had taken place on Easter Sunday.*
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa. *Nothing of note to Report.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. *No meeting have taken place.*
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa. **New Date is Wednesday 10th April 2013.** *It was resolved to note the revised date.*
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. *PK advised he had been sent the Agenda and minutes to the Central meeting and thought he may have missed the Northern meeting. [Date of Next Meeting ?](#)*
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. *No Meeting.*
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa – Meeting dates 24.04.13 & 12.06.13. *See item 149/12a. PK reported there were issues with the funding for the track renewal at the MER station which was impacting on the works to the Rose Garden. The DCCL were currently looking to use the same contractor for both elements of this project in order to take advantage of economies of scale.*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore - Meeting Monday 18th March, 2013, 3.00 p.m. at the Strathallan Suite, Strathallan Crescent, Douglas. *AM reported new rules and restrictions were being implemented at the site to deal with dumping of commercial waste and the time people spent at the recycling sheds.*

155/12 Chairman's Report

In Private.

156/12 Any Other Business

- a) MEA e-mails at 1514 hours on 27.03.13 RE: LA052 – MONTANA, SOUTH CAPE, LAXEY. During the bad weather we have had since Friday last week the above light was reported in a dangerous condition. Our engineers attended site and found the arm and fitting had come away from the pole it was mounted on and was unable to be repaired. I have estimated below the cost of a replacement arm and fitting. The estimated cost of a replacement arm and fitting will be £525 + 20% VAT.
Resolved – To approve replacement arm and fitting LA052.
- b) ODC Community Officer Report for March 2013 – No offences disclosed.

Resolved to note.

- c) Paul Cowin e-mails at 0947 hours on 28.03.13 regarding ECAS. Attached are minutes of last week's meeting of the Joint Committee. (18.03.13). They will be published on Friday 5th April in the agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th April. At Clause A11, the Chairman has queried whether VAT is applicable to the charges for fridge and freezer disposal. My understanding is that it doesn't apply either to the current charge or the new, but I have sought confirmation and will advise in due course. If necessary, a line of clarification can be added to that minute at the next meeting. Returning to the publication of the minutes and procedural requirements, they are put to the Council for ratification at the earliest opportunity after the Joint Committee meeting; can you confirm that they are also put to your authority as a matter of course?

Resolved to note

- d) Jon Morby e-mails on 30.03.13. I am hopeful that you will be able to assist with my enquiry or at least point me in the correct direction. My father (David Morby), a resident of Laxey for some 17 years, passed away in Nobles hospital on 5th March 2013. The family are currently considering ways of immortalising my father, and he did love sitting on the benches on Laxey sea front, eating an ice cream and taking photo graphs of the boats, bikes and birds. In this vein we are thinking about a bench, and I am trying to find out how we would go about doing this, as well as the costs involved. I would be grateful if you could assist with this enquiry, or point me towards the relevant persons / authority who may be able to assist further.

Resolved to approve the request for a memorial bench for David Morby.

- e) Manx National Two Day Trial letter of 02.04.13 regarding Two day Trial on 24th & 25th August seeking to clarify that they would like to use The Race and far end of Laxey beach on both days.

See item 153/12, e).

- f) Email from Steven Morley seeking to arrange a meeting for a representative from Laxey Commissioners and himself to meet with the Conservation Officer to discuss the public toilets in the area of the Miner Statue – the Conservation Officer has advised that he is available PM on the 10 April 2013 – Darren's diary is currently free – could you please confirm your availability and proposed time?

Resolved – AM and PK to attend.

- g) RB advised scaffolding had been erected at the Glen Road Garage, part of the scaffolding was on the Road and was not lit. *Resolved – Clerk to investigate.*

- h) JR asked if the Clerk could provide an update on the Works and Amenity list discussed at the meeting *Clerk to circulate an update prior to meeting 17th April 2013.*

- i) JR enquired if the Clerk had made an appointment with the Treasury Valuation officer in respect of 35 New Road. *The clerk advised he was waiting for Chris Heginbotham to make contact and would chase up.*

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 1st May 2013, 6.45pm.